

Last night it was announced that Osama Bin Laden had been killed in a U.S. military operation in Pakistan. The demise of Osama Bin Laden is an outstanding success in the war against radical jihadism and brings justice to the victims of the September 11th attacks and to all Americans. While terrorist threats will remain, Bin Laden's death is a devastating blow to Al Qaeda and other extremists across the globe and is the result of a decade of sacrifice and incredible efforts of our Armed Forces and intelligence community. I offer my highest gratitude and congratulations to the courageous and remarkably skillful troops who successfully executed this mission.

Our brave men and women in uniform deserve our enduring gratitude for doing the hard work of freedom and keeping America safe over the last ten years. Those who lost their lives on that terrible September day nearly a decade ago, along with the service members who, in response, have given what Lincoln called, "the last full measure of devotion," will never be forgotten. It is my hope that the death of Bin Laden brings a sense of closure and victory to all Americans.